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For DEVICE FOR THERMALLY TREATING GRANULAR SOLID
 MATTER
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination of the above-identified application,
please amend as follows:

In the Claims:

Claim 3, line 1, delete "or 2",

Claim 4, lines 1 and 2, delete "or any of the preceding
claims", insert instead -- claim 1 --,

Claim 5, lines 1 and 2, delete "or any of the preceding
claims", insert instead -- claim 1 --.

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This preliminary amendment is submitted just to reduce
claim charges.

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Enclosures: set of marked-up claims
 set of clean claims